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SUBJECT: WEST BANK ARABIC PRESS SUMMARY, JANUARY 23

1. WEST BANK NEWSPAPERS HEADLINE ISRAEL'S PRESENT REJECTION OF CONTINUED MILITARY TALKS IN CAIRO, NOTE SOVIET CRITICISM OF SADAT AND QUOTE VANCE AS HOPING EGYPTIAN-ISRAELI TALKS WILL BE RESUMED SOON. EDITORIALS CRITICIZE AMERICAN INVOLVEMENT IN THE AREA, CALLING UPON ISRAEL TO REASSESS ITS VIEWS ON SECURITY SETTLEMENTS AND SUGGEST SADAT ABANDON HIS RELIANCE ON THE US AND NEGOTIATIONS.

2. "ASH-SHA'AB "(INDEPENDENT PALESTINIAN NATIONALIST) ADDRESSES ITS EDITORIAL TO ISRAEL'S LEADERS WHOM IT DESCRIBES AS "BUSIER BUILDING SETTLEMENTS THAN UNCLASSIFIED

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BUILDING PEACE," AND ASKS THREE QUESTIONS ABOUT THE SETTLEMENTS: "WHICH IS STRONGER, A SETTLEMENT OR THE BAR LEV LINE?"; "WHAT HAPPENED TO IT IN 1973?;" AND "WHAT IS THE VALUE OF THESE SETTLEMENTS, OR A VALLEY OR A HILL, WHEN THEY HAVE TO FACE MODERN (MILITARY) TECHNOLOGY?" CERTAIN THAT THESE QUESTIONS "EXPLODE THE THEORY OF SECURITY SETTLEMENT," THE PAPER

SAYS THAT ISRAEL WILL FIND REAL SECURITY ONLY WHEN ALL THE PEOPLE OF THE AREA--"INCLUDING THE PALESTINIANS--RECEIVE THEIR RIGHTS OF LAND, LIBERTY AND SOVEREIGNTY ACCORDING TO LAWS OF INTERNATIONAL TRUTH AND JUSTICE AND NOT ACCORDING TO ISRAEL'S INTERPRETATION."

3. "AL QUDS" (MODERATE, PRO-JORDANIAN) WHILE PRAISING SADAT'S ATTEMPT AT PEACE, CRITICIZES HIS UNFRUITFUL RELIANCE ON THE US. IT REMINDS SADAT THAT IN ABANDONING THE SOVIETS HE TURNED TO THE US AND MET THE BARRIER OF US SUPPORT FOR ISRAEL AND THAT IN COMING TO JERUSALEM HE MET A STRONGER BARRIER DIRECTLY FROM ISRAEL. CITING BEGIN'S REJECTION OF ARAB RECOGNITION AND HIS STATEMENT THAT "WE ARE HERE BECAUSE OF A PROVIDENTIAL RIGHT AND THE STRENGTH OF ARMS," THE WRITER CALLS ON SADAT TO ABANDON HIS DEALINGS WITH THIS "INFLEXIBLE MENTALITY" AND "REFRAIN FROM RUNNING AFTER THE MIRAGE (OF PEACE), EVEN IF IT IS MADE IN THE US"

4. "AL FAJR" (LEFTIS, PRO-PLO), IN ITS EDITORIAL "OUR AREA WILL NOT BECOME A CHESS BOARD FOR THE AMERICAN PLAYER," REJECTS AMERICAN MEDIATION BETWEEN ISRAEL AND EGYPT AND WARNS OF THREE POSSIBILITIES FROM AMERICAN INVOLVEMENT: (A) THE US AND ISRAEL WILL STALL TO GAIN MORE TIME FOR ISRAEL SETTLE-  
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MENTS, WHILE PRESSURING THE REJECTIONISTS TO JOIN SADAT AND THE SAUDI-JORDAN-GULF AXIS FOR ITS SUPPORT; (B) THE US AND ISRAEL WILL PUSH THE PALESTINIAN PEOPLE EITHER TO ACCEPT THEIR PLANS OR APPEAR TO WORLD OPINION AS REJECTING PEACE THEREBY JUSTIFYING THE CREATION OF "NEW" PALESTINAIN LEADERSHIP; (C) THE US AND ISRAEL WILL FEIGN DISAGREEMENT FROM TIME TO TIME TO LULL EGYPT INTO CONTINUING ITS DEALINGS WITH ISRAEL AND BEING PULLED TOWARD AGREEMENT WITH ISRAEL'S STAND. THE EDITORIAL CLOSES BY WARNING, "THE WORLD IS NO MORE A CHESS BOARD; WE ARE NO MORE PAWNS TO BE MOVED BY THE US AT ITS PLEASURE. THE TIME WILL COME WHEN THE ARAB PEOPLE WILL SAY "CHECK MATE" TO THE US".  
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